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TO: Johnston Architects

SUBJECT: Design Submittal - Geopier Soil Reinforcement REVISED

Mercer Island Mixed-Use Development

Mercer Island, WA

This letter and the attached documents represent our design submittal for Geopier® soil reinforcement at the site of the Mercer Island Mixed-Use development located in Mercer Island, WA. The following paragraphs document our design of the Geopier-Rampact reinforcement system for support of the mat foundations. Based on the geotechnical report and project documents it is assumed that the ground improvement will only be required west of Gridline G and that east of Gridline G the mat foundation will be founded on competent native soils.

Geopier Reinforcement Design

Subsurface information, as documented in the geotechnical report completed by Hart Crowser Inc., has been used as a basis for our design. Below are the simplified soil soil conditions:

- Loose to medium dense silty granular FILL, soft SILT and PEAT to variable depths between El.87 ft and El.62 ft.
- Underlain by interbedded layers of medium to hard SILT and silty CLAY and medium dense to dense SAND and silty SAND to the maximum exploration at about El.40ft.
- At about El. 69 ft, where Geopier installation will occur, soils predominantly consist of very soft and soft SILT to about El. 62 ft. In the southeast portion of building footprint, soils consist of very stiff to hard SILT and dense to very dense SAND.
- Groundwater was encountered at variable depths between 7.5 and 35 feet (assumed to be perched water). We have assumed a water table at elevation 69.

The geotechnical cross sections and elevation of competent bearing soils are presented in Appendix A: Geotechnical Information. Please note that their estimates for competent bearing soil elevations are approximate and our design is meant to address uncertainty in competent bearing elevations by having Geopier elements extend much deeper if practical refusal is not encountered.

In view of the loose/soft to medium dense/stiff sandy and silty soils, the Geopier-Rampact system or "displacement process" will be used to install the Geopier elements. The Geopier-Rampact system which we propose to utilize consists of a hollow mandrel with an internal compaction surface which is driven into the ground using a powerful static down force augmented by dynamic vertical impact energy. After driving to the design depth, the hollow mandrel serves as a conduit for aggregate placement. As the mandrel is raised and redriven downward thin lifts of compacted aggregate are formed and compacted both vertically and laterally. The process is repeated until the rammed aggregate pier is constructed. We anticipate installing Geopier elements from the approximate elevation between 68 and 69 ft. It should be noted that we anticipate encountering refusal on the competent bearing soils noted in the geotechnical report. These competent native soils are anticipated to be encountered between elevations of 63 and 83 feet, refer to Figure 10 of the geotechnical report. Therefore, we anticipate reaching the competent soils prior to the maximum installation depth of 15 feet and do not have a required minimum length as we are improving the soil above the competent bearing soils. The the competent soil contours presented in Figure 10 of the geotechnical report will be

utilized in the field to determine if refusal was encountered on the competent bearing layer and is included in Appendix A: Geotechnical Information.

The mandrel will be driven to the dense to very dense soil conditions. Geopier elements will be installed to 15 feet or refusal below the planned FFE. Practical refusal is considered less than 1 foot of mandrel advancement in 30 seconds.

The Geopier reinforcement has been designed to support the structure based on the loading provided by the structural engineer with a maximum allowable bearing capacity of up to 3,000 psf which can be increased by 1/3 for short duration. Actual loading of the mat provided by the structural engineer reveals an average bearing pressure of 1,500 psf. We have utilized the actual pressures for the settlement calculations/estimations as presented in Appendix C: Settlement Calculations. The design allowable bearing capacity calculations are presented in Appendix D: Bearing Capacity and utilize the full 3,000 psf bearing pressure. The bearing pressure calculations yielded acceptable factors of safety. It is important to note that the actual loads are utilized to calculate the estimated settlements otherwise settlement estimates will be vastly overstated.

Our Geopier elements will be installed directly beneath the mat foundations on an approximate maximum grid spacing of 6 feet on-center to provide adequate static support.

Spread Foundation Settlement

For our analysis, settlements are first calculated for a zone extending from the bottom of the footing to the depth of the reinforcement. Additional settlement may occur in the "lower zone" or in the unimproved soil beneath the reinforced zone. The lower zone settlement is calculated using a consolidation approach. We have included calculations for the longest possible Geopier elements and a short Geopier element. We have also estimated the settlement of the mat foundation not supported by Geopier elements at approximately 1.0 inches based on our lower zone parameters extending to 100 feet. This settlement was estimated to check on the potential for differential settlement.

Our settlement utilized the following soil profile:

- 2 to 7 feet of very soft to soft silt (ML) underlain by
- 2 feet of transitional material between the soft silt (ML) and stiff silt (ML)
- 20 feet of stiff to very stiff sandy silt (ML) underlain by
- Hard Silt (ML)

Estimated settlements at the center of the Mat were the following:

- Deep Geopier Elements 1.4 inches of total settlement
- Shallow Geopier Elements 1.0 inches of total settlement
- Mat Foundation without Geopier Elements 1.0 inches of total settlement

Based on our calculations, total settlements for the mat foundation should range between 1.0 and 1.4 inches with a maximum of 0.5 inches of differential settlement over 40 feet. Additionally, it should be noted that a large portion of the settlement will occur during construction as the settlement due to the dead loads will occur during construction so total post-construction settlements should be less than 1 inch. Please see our attached calculations for in Appendix C: Settlement Calculations for additional information.

The Geopier design does not include liquefaction mitigation. While our tight spacing of 6 ft o.c. will provide improved seismic performance and liquefaction mitigation it has not been included as part of the design. Therefore, we conservatively recommend that the structural design of the mat foundation accommodate the amount of potential liquefaction settlement discussed in the geotechnical report.

Geopier Installation and Modulus Testing

The installation of the Geopier reinforcement, including a downward modulus test, will be completed in general accordance with the specifications. The installation and the modulus test will be conducted under the supervision of an experienced geotechnical engineer from Geopier Northwest. The modulus test will consist of loading the Geopier element in increments to 150% of the design load while measuring deflections to verify the design parameters. The modulus test will also incorporate a creep test at 115% of the design load.

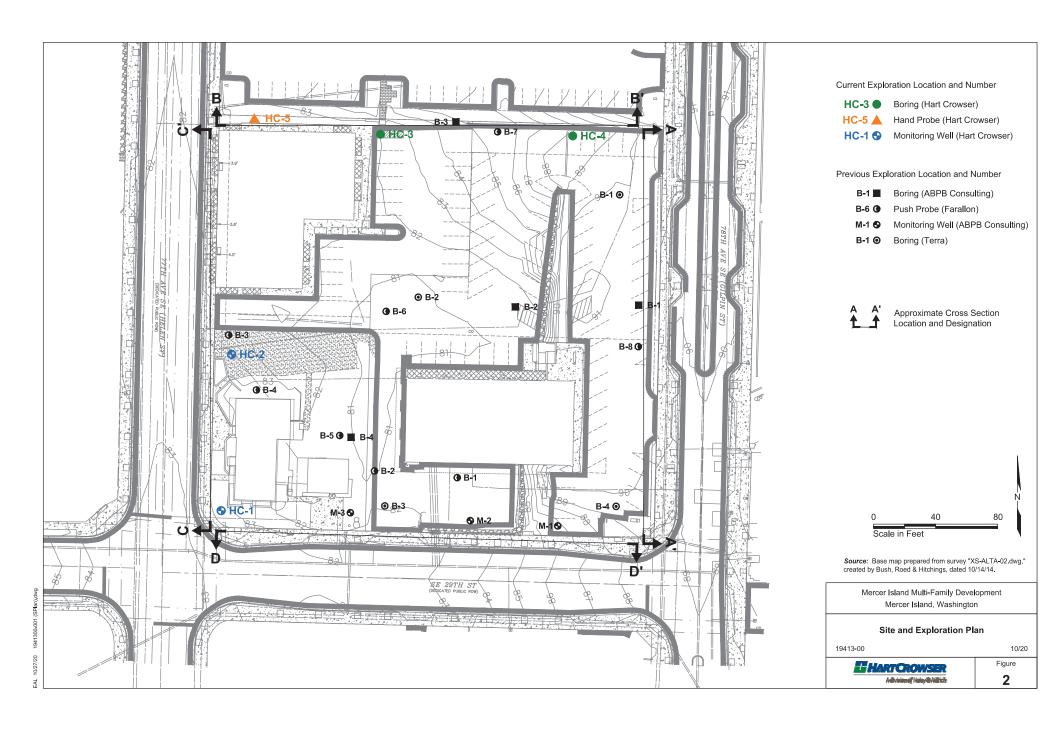
We appreciate the opportunity to work with you on this project. If you have any questions or require further information, please call.

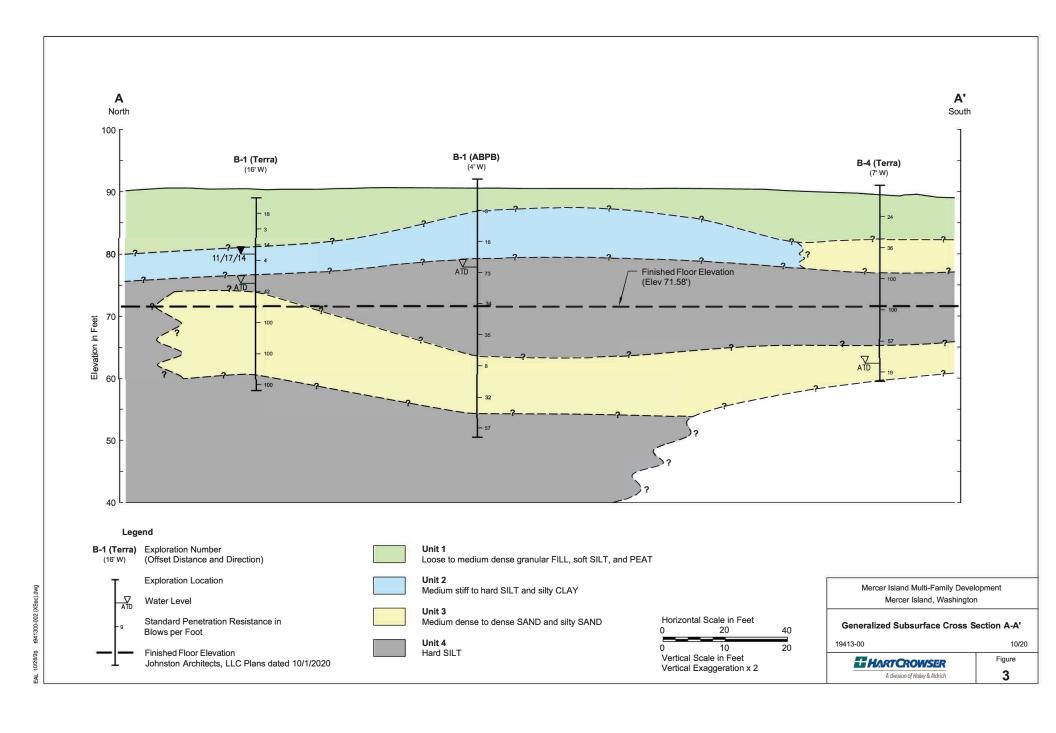
Sincerely, Geopier Northwest Inc.

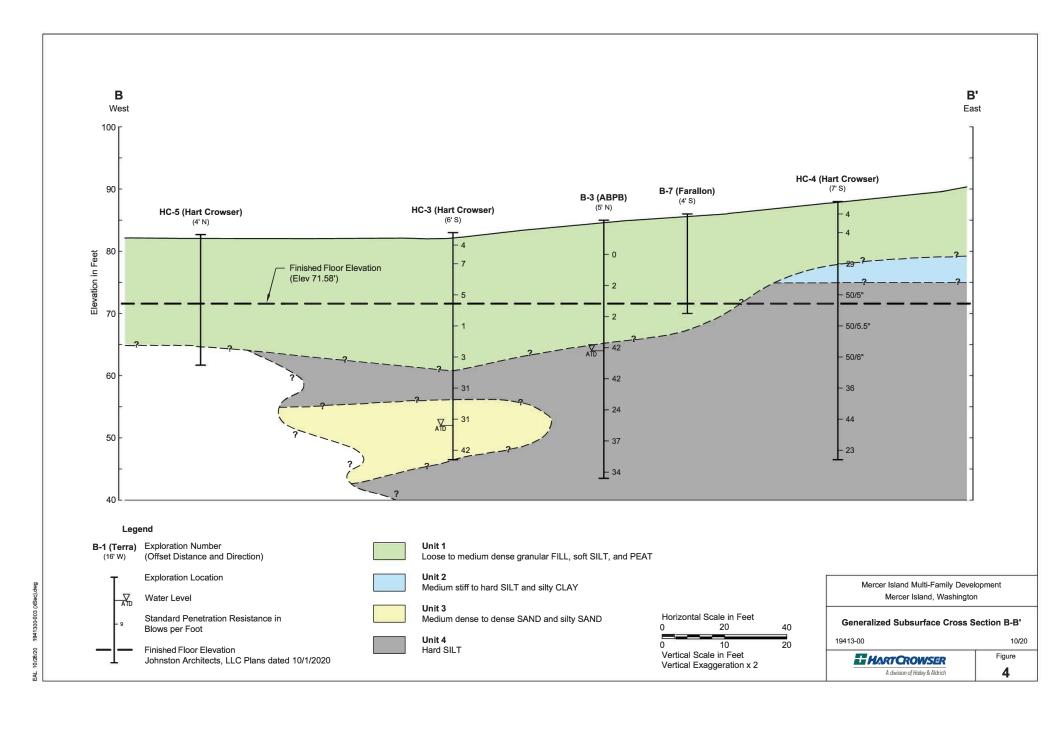


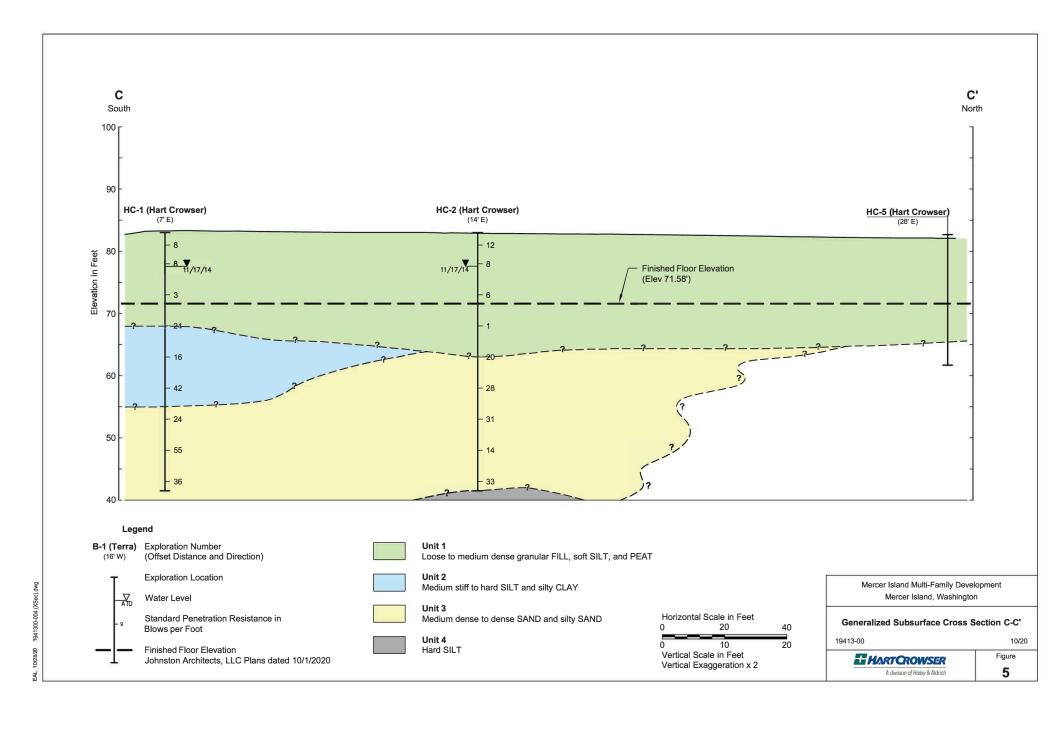
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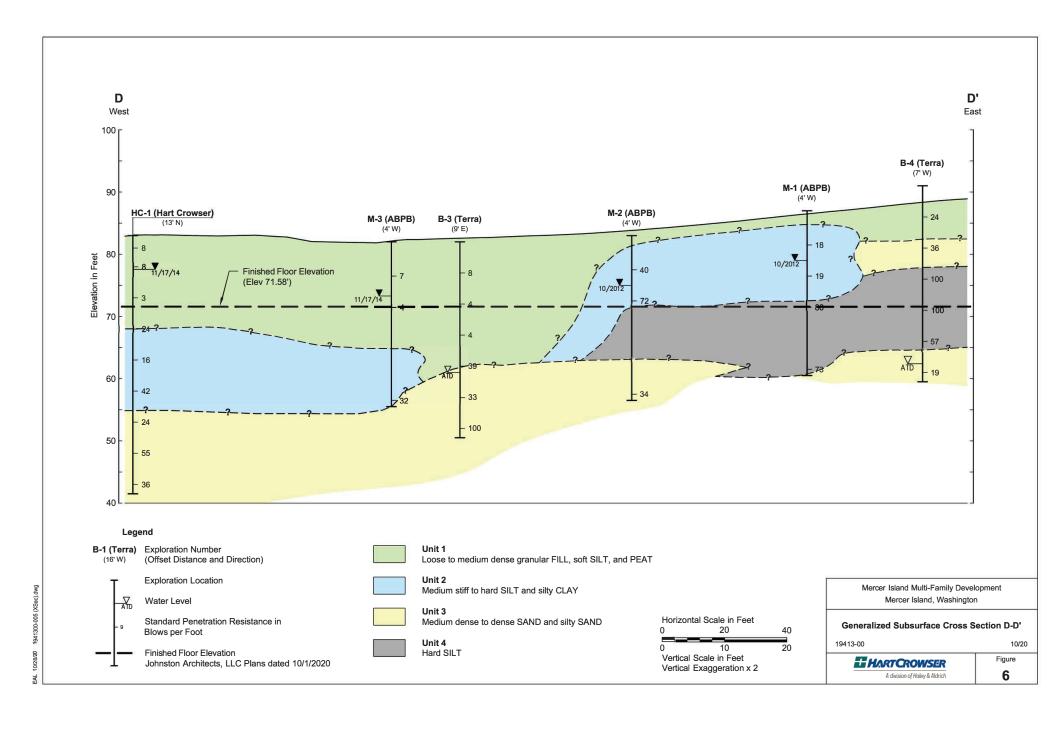
Appendix A: Geotechnical Information

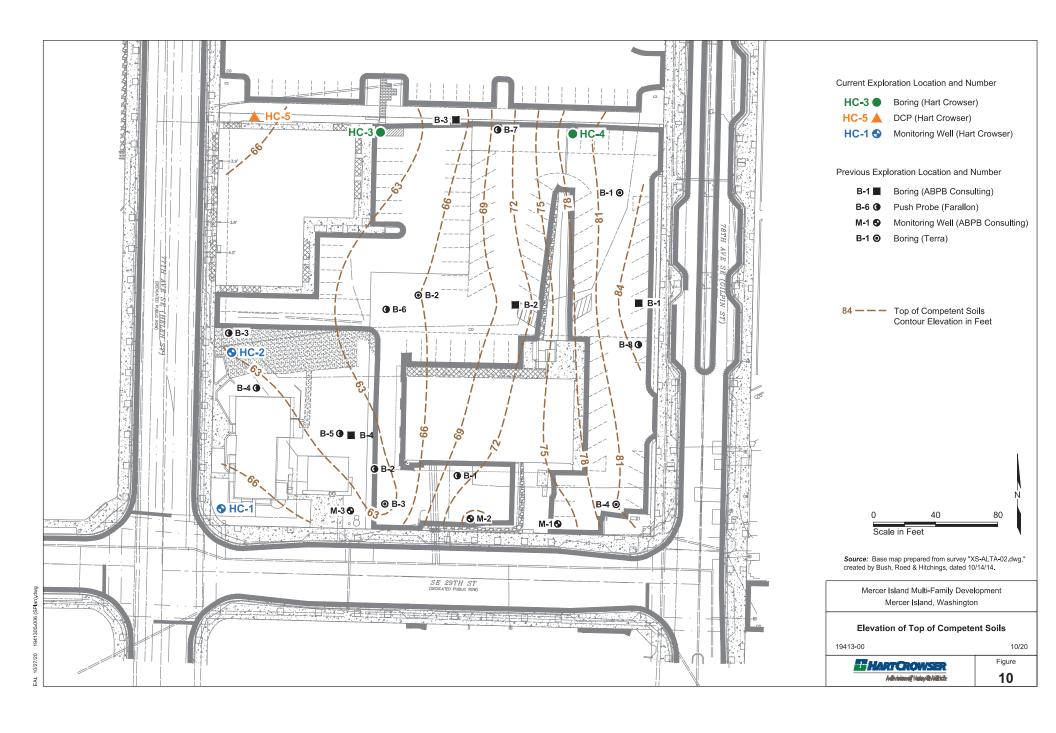


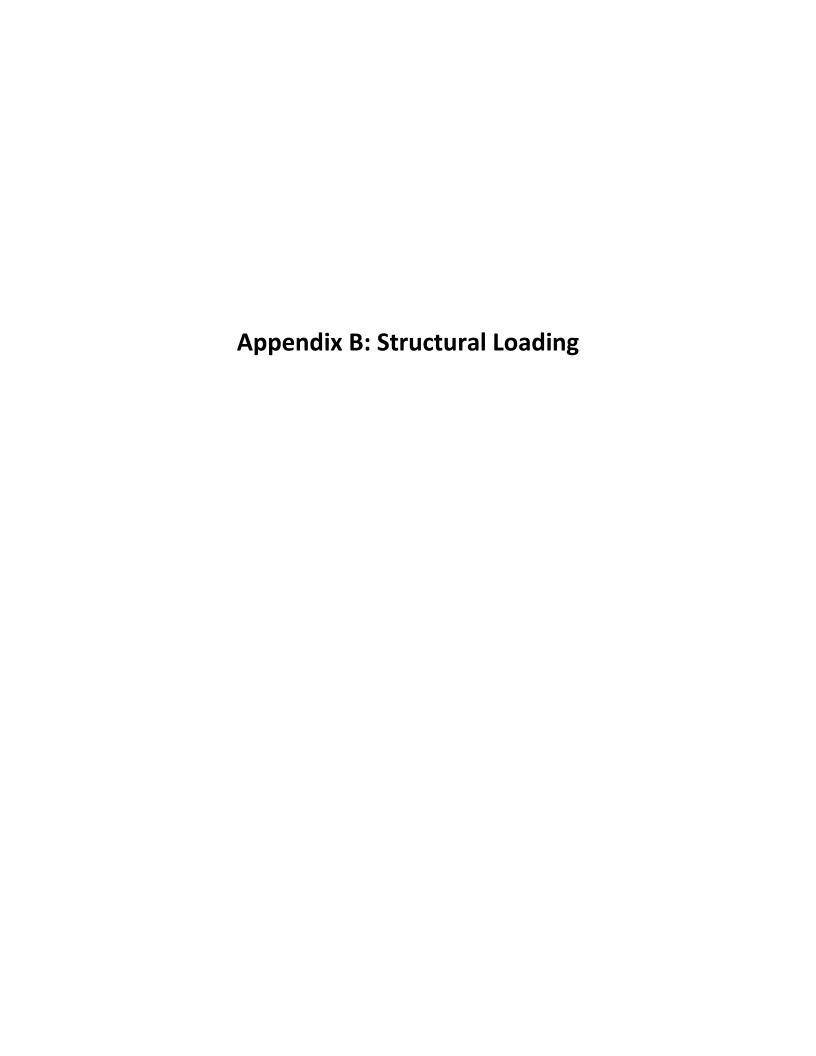






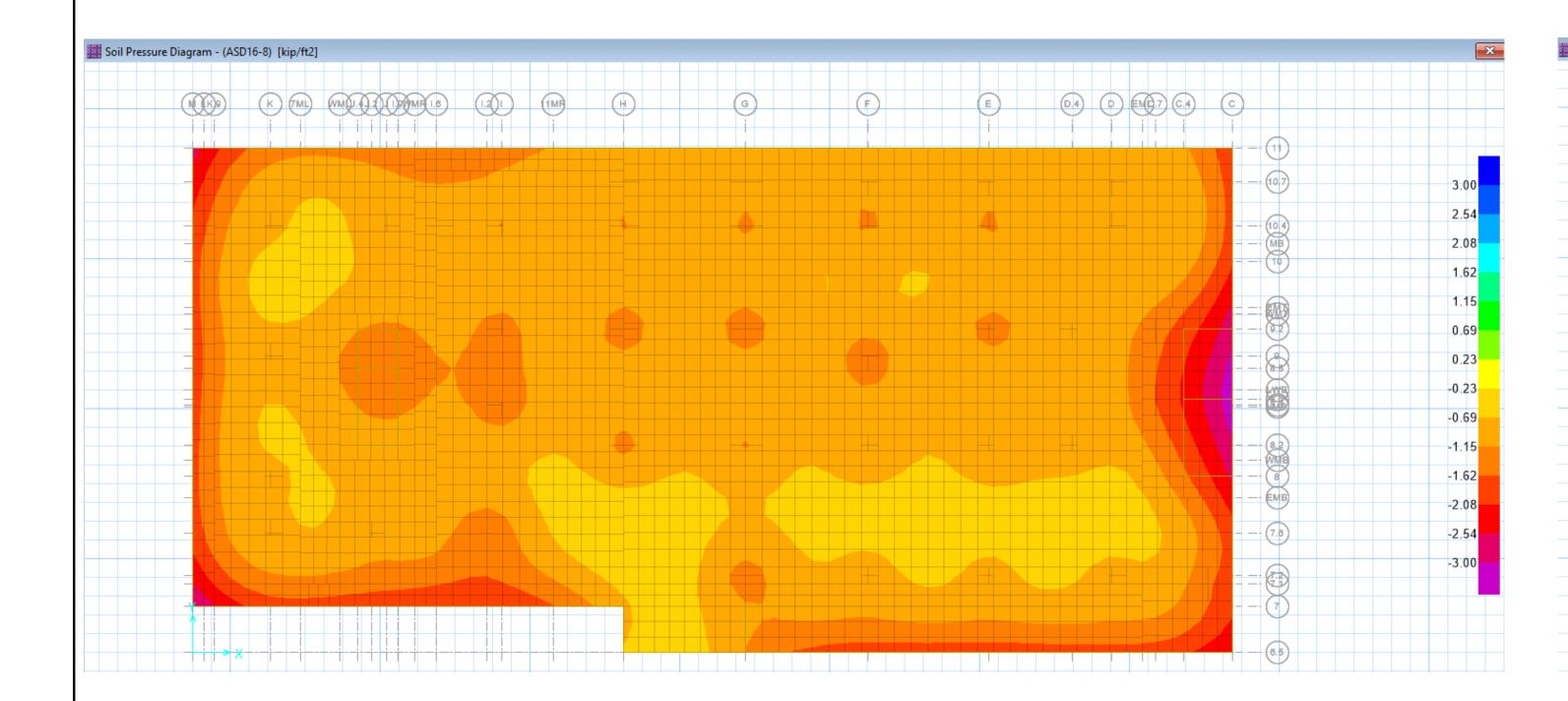


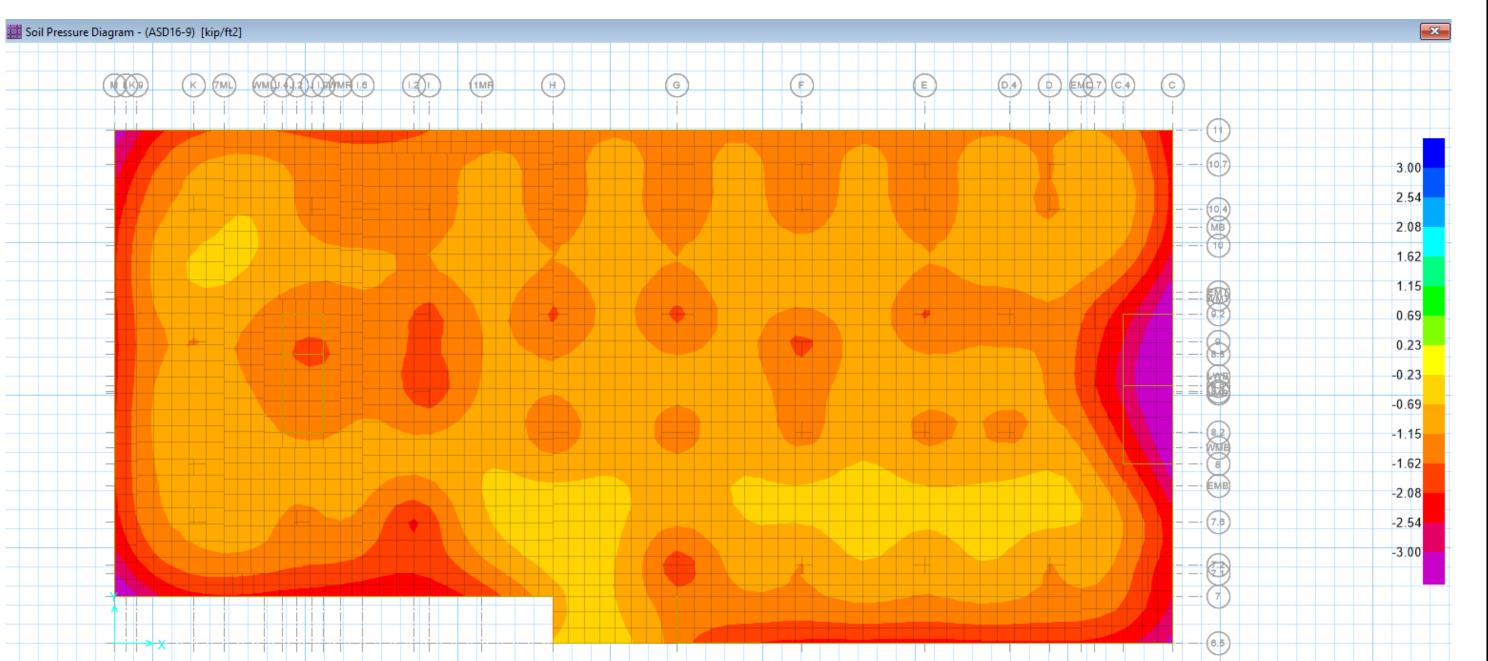




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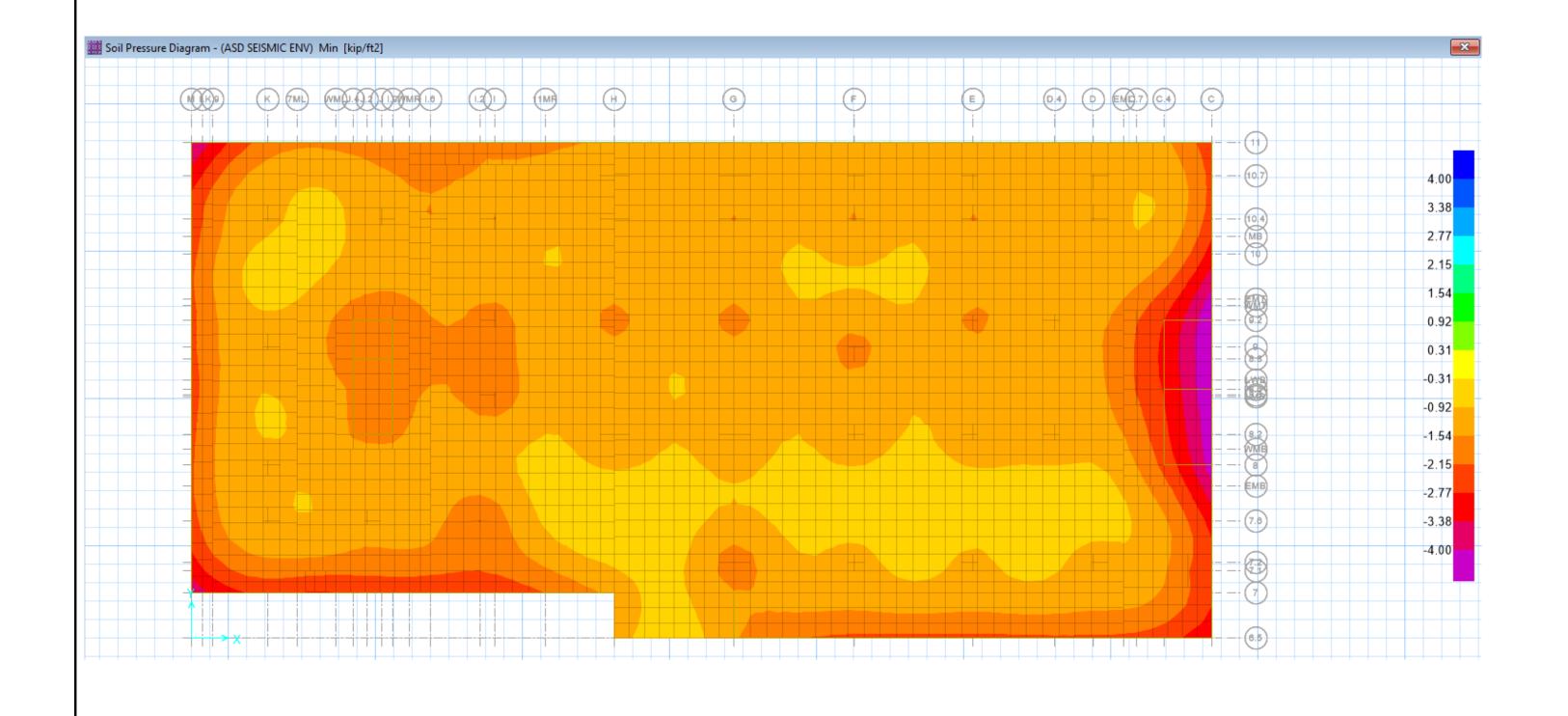
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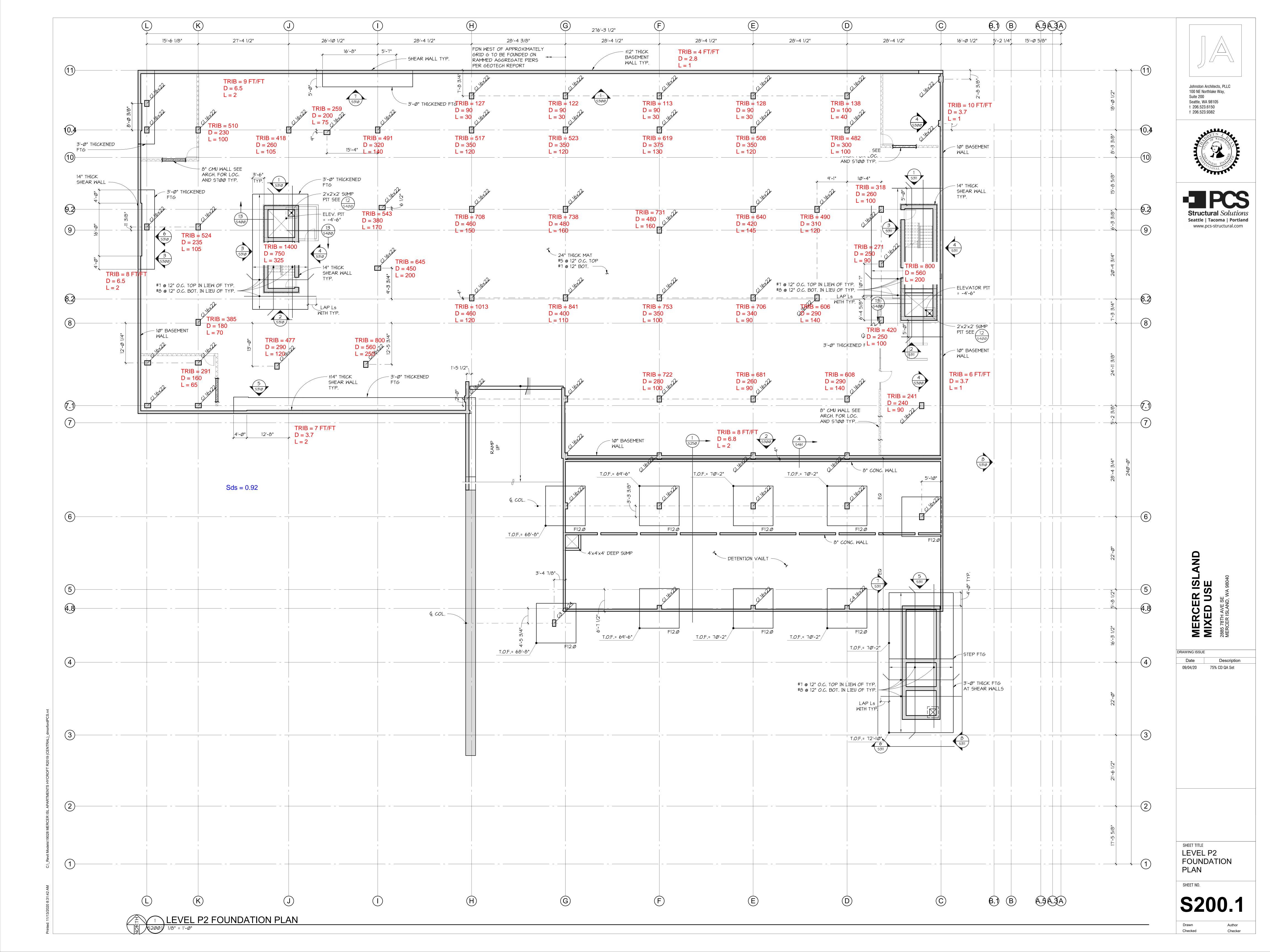
MAT FOUNDATION PRESSURES

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Appendix C: Settleme	nt Calculations	

PROJECT: Mecer Island Mixed Use *Deep

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ENGINEER: DVT

GEOPIER®

RAMMED AGGREGATE PIER ® DESIGN FOR MATS

Equivalent B = 185.7 ft.

Mat Width 115 ft Mat Length 300 ft Mat Area 34500 sq. ft. Equiv Width, B 185.7 ft

Floor Pressure 1500 psf Dgw 1 ft γ soil 125 pcf 7 ft Pier Diameter 24 inches

Rammed Aggregate Pier® Design:

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									Center			Edge	
Spacing	Layer	Ra	Em	Eg	Ecomp	Z	z/Beq	Influence	ΔΡ	S	Influence	ΔΡ	S
(feet o-c)	Thickness		(ksf)	(ksf)	(ksf)	(ft)		Factor	(ksf)	(inches)	Factor	(ksf)	(inches)
6.00	2	0.09	100	1400	213	1.0	0.01	1.00	1.50	0.2	1.00	1.50	0.2
6.00	2	0.09	100	1400	213	3.0	0.02	1.00	1.50	0.2	0.95	1.42	0.2
6.00	2	0.09	100	1400	213	5.0	0.03	1.00	1.50	0.2	0.87	1.31	0.1
6.00	1	0.09	100	1400	213	6.5	0.03	1.00	1.50	0.2	0.83	1.25	0.1
6.00	2	0.09	400	5000	801	8.0	0.04	1.00	1.50	0.0	0.77	1.16	0.0

Selected for Design:

6.00 0.09 0.7 0.7 Spacing (ft) Ra Ctr UZ (in) Edge UZ (in)

Lower Zone:

												Center			Edge	
Layer	Soil Type		Esoil	Cer	Сєс	OCP	Thickness	Z	σ'ν	z/Beq	lσ	ΔΡ	S (Center)	lσ	ΔΡ	S (Edge)
			ksf			ksf	ft	ft	psf		Center	ksf	in	Edge	ksf	in
UZ	GP-CL						9.0	4.5					0.7			0.7
1	ML			0.005		9.39	10	14.00	939	0.08	1.00	1.50	0.25	0.66	0.99	0.2
2	ML			0.005		15.65	10	24.00	1565	0.13	0.99	1.48	0.17	0.60	0.90	0.1
3	ML			0.0025		82.00	71	64.50	4100	0.35	0.85	1.28	0.25	0.49	0.73	0.2
		·	·				100.0					UZ (in) =	0.7		UZ (in) =	0.7
												LZ (in) =	0.7		LZ (in) =	
											Total C	Center (in) =	1.4	Total Ed	lge (in) =	1.1

PROJECT: Mecer Island Mixed Use *Shallow

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1500 psf 1 ft 125 pcf 1 ft Pier Diameter 24 inches

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									Center			Edge	
Spacing	Layer	Ra	Em	Eg	Ecomp	Z	z/Beq	Influence	ΔΡ	S	Influence	ΔΡ	S
(feet o-c)	Thickness		(ksf)	(ksf)	(ksf)	(ft)		Factor	(ksf)	(inches)	Factor	(ksf)	(inches)
6.00	0.5	0.09	100	1400	213	0.3	0.00	1.00	1.50	0.0	1.00	1.50	0.0
6.00	0.5	0.09	100	1400	213	8.0	0.00	1.00	1.50	0.0	1.00	1.50	0.0
6.00	0.5	0.09	100	1400	213	1.3	0.01	1.00	1.50	0.0	1.00	1.50	0.0
6.00	0.5	0.09	100	1400	213	1.8	0.01	1.00	1.50	0.0	1.00	1.50	0.0
6.00	1	0.09	400	5000	801	2.5	0.01	1.00	1.50	0.0	0.98	1.47	0.0
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Selected for Design:

6.00 0.09 0.2 0.2 Ctr UZ (in) Edge UZ (in) Spacing (ft) Ra

Lower Zone:

											Center			Edge	
Layer	Soil Type	Esoil	Cer	Сєс	OCP	Thickness	Z	σ'ν	z/Beq	lσ	ΔΡ	S (Center)	lσ	ΔΡ	S (Edge)
		ksf			ksf	ft	ft	psf		Center	ksf	in	Edge	ksf	in
UZ	GP-CL					3.0	1.5					0.2			0.2
1	ML		0.005		5.63	10	8.00	563	0.04	1.00	1.50	0.34	0.77	1.16	0.3
2	ML		0.005		11.89	10	18.00	1189	0.10	1.00	1.49	0.21	0.63	0.94	0.2
3	ML		0.0025		78.25	77	61.50	3912	0.33	0.87	1.30	0.29	0.49	0.74	0.2
						100.0					UZ (in) =	0.2		UZ (in) =	0.2
											LZ (in) =	8.0		LZ (in) =	
										Total C	Center (in) =	1.0	Total Ed	lge (in) =	8.0

Appendix D: Bearing Capacity

GEOPIER BEARING CAPACITY ANALYSIS



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PROJECT: Mercer Island Mixed Use

Reference: Technical Bulletin No. 2, "Bearing Capacity of Geopier-Reinforced Founhdation Systems",

by Geopier Foundation Co., Inc. (1999)

Footing Data:

Design Bearing Pressure	q	=	3,000	(psf)	Total Column Load (kips)	=	103,500
Footing Length	L	=	300.00	(ft)	Footing Area (sq. ft)	=	34,500.00
Footing Width	В	=	115.00	(ft)	Total Pier Area (sq. ft)	=	3,008.12
Footing Depth	D_f	=	2.00	(ft)	Area Ratio	=	0.087
Pier Diameter		=	24	(in)	Stess Applied to Piers (psf)	=	16,809
Number of Piers		=	958.0		Stress Applied to Matrix Soil (psf)	=	1,681
Pier Modulus	K_Gp	=	125	(pci)	Relative Stiffness Ratio	=	10
					Individual Pier Load (kips)	=	52.78

Depth to GWL Below Finish Floor = 1.0 (ft)

Matrix Soil Data:

UZ Soil Modulus	K_s	=	13	(pci)		
Allowable Bearing Pressure		=	1,500	(psf)	Lower Zone:	
Undrained Strength	S_{u}	=		(psf)		(psf)
Cohesion	С	=	200	(psf)	500	(psf)
Friction Angle	Φ_{s}	=	26	(degrees)	34	(degrees)
Unsubmerged Unit Weight						

Above D _f	γ_2	=	120 (pcf)
Below D _f	γ_1	=	120 (pcf)

Geopier Data:

Pier Diameter		d	=	2.0 (ft)
Effective diam.		d_e	=	2 (ft)
Shaft Drill Depth			=	8 (ft.)
Effective Shaft		$H_{\rm eff.}$	=	10.0 (ft.)
Modulus		\mathbf{k}_{gp}	=	125 (pci)
Friction Angle		$\Phi_{\sf gp}$	=	48 (degrees)
Unit weight:				
Unsubmerged		γ_{gp}	=	135 (pcf)
Design		$\gamma_{\sf gp}$	=	73 (pcf)
Pier Area		A_gp	=	3,008.12 (sq. ft.)
Area Ratio		R_A	=	0.087 (Af/Agp)
Stiffness Ratio		R_s	=	10
Top-of-pier Stress	σ_{gp}		=	16,809 (psf)

^{**} effective shaft diam. = nominal diam. + 6"

^{**} Assumed Average Shaft Length

^{**} effective pier length for soil bearing capacity ϵ



A. Shearing Below the Tip of Individual Geopier Element:

predominantly clayey soils where	essentially	undrain	ed conditions apply	
Ultimate Top-of-pier stress	q_{ult}	=	0 psf	$q_{ult} = 4s_u d_e H_{eff.}/d^2 + 9s_u$ (Eq.11.)
For Design Pier Stress = 16809 psf		=	0.00	
predominantly silty and/or sandy s			•	•
Effective shaft diameter	d_e	=	2.5 ft	(effective shaft diam. = nominal diam. + 6")
Crossectional area of Geopier element	A_g	=	3.1 ft2	$Ag = \Pi d_2/4$
Average unit shaft friction (drained)	f_s	=	504 psf	$f_s = (d_f + H_{eff.}/2)\gamma \tan(\Phi_s)\tan^2(45 + \Phi_s/2)$ (Eq.12)
Effective area of Geopier element shaft	A_{shaft}	=	79 ft2	$A_{shaft} = \Pi d_e H_{eff.}$
Ultimate shaft frictional capacity (drained)	q_{shaft}	=	12,591 psf	$q_{shaft} = f_s A_{shaft} / A_g$
	Qshaft	=	<u>39,556</u> pounds	$Qshaft = f_s \; A_{shaft}$
Effective overburden stess @ pier tip	$\sigma_{ m vtip}$	=	754 psf	
Bearing Capacity Factors: Φs = 34	degrees		(Use Meyer	rhof factors for bearing capacity below individual piers)
cohesion	Nc	=	145	
friction	N _ν	=	0	
embedment	Na	=	65	
Ultimate bearing Capacity at pier tip (drained	q_{tip}	=	121,484 psf	$q_{tip} = cN_c + (0.5)d_e \gamma N_\gamma + \sigma_{vtip} N_q _{(\textit{Eq.9})}$
Ultimate tip capacity (drained):	Q_{tip}	=	381,653 pounds	$Q_{tip} = q_{tip} A_g$
Ultimate Top-of-Pier Stress	q_{ult}	=	134,075 psf	$q_{ult = (Q_{shaft} + Q_{tip})/A_g}$
For Design Pier Stress = 16809 psf	F	s =	7.98	



B. Shearing Within The Geopier-Reinforced Soil Matrix:

Composite Soil Strength Parameters:

183 psf

(based on value entered for C)

For Design Footing Stress = 3000 psf

For Design Footing Stress = 3000 psf

19.7 FS =

C. Shearing Below The Bottom of The Geopier-Reinforced Soil Matrix:

12.0 feet Depth below FF to btm.of Geopier-reinforced zone H = Effective stress at btm.of Geopier-reinf. zone $\sigma_{V-uz/lz} =$ 754 psf 2,612 psf Stress induced from footing @ UZ/LZ plane $\mathbf{q}_{\text{bottom}}$ $q_{bottom} = q\{BL/[(B+H)(L+H)]\}$ (Eq. 15)

predominantly clayey soils where essentially undrained conditions apply

Undrained strength of soil below UZ/LZ plane S_u = 0 psf $q_{bottom} = q\{BL/[(B+H)(L+H)]\}$ Stress induced from footing @ UZ/LZ plane = 2,612 psf (Eq. 15) For Design Footing Stress = 3000 psf FS = 0.0

predominantly silty and/or sandy soils where essentially drained conditions apply

FS =

Bearing Capacity Factors:	34 degrees		(Use Ter	zaghi local shear factors for shearing below the reinforced zone)
cohesion	N _c	=	21	
friction	N_{γ}	=	8	
embedment	N_q	=	10	
Ultimate bearing capacity @ UZ/LZ (drained) q _{ult.}	=	73,236 psf	$qult = cN_c + (0.5)B\gamma N_{\gamma} + \sigma_{v-uz/lz}N_{q~(Eq.9)}$
Stress induced from footing @ UZ/LZ plane	q _{bottom}	=	2,612 psf	$q_{bottom} = q\{BL/[(B+H)(L+H)]\} \qquad (Eq. 15)$

28.0